



# Crop Progress and Condition

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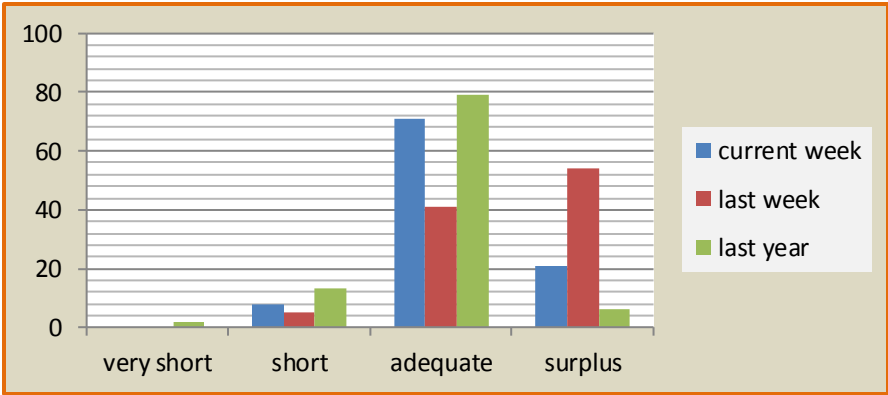
**Agricultural News:** Days suitable for fieldwork were 3.2. Wet and cold weather conditions continue to slow crop progress and fieldwork; there is excess water on some wheat fields. Farmers are waiting for fields to dry. Farming activities this week included calving and lambing.

## SOIL MOISTURE and SUPPLIES for week ending 04/22/18

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	-	8	71	21
Subsoil	1	7	81	11
Hay & Roughage	2	22	71	5
Feed grain	-	14	85	1

-Represents zero.

## TOPSOIL MOISTURE for week ending 04/22/18



## CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 04/22/18

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Apples	-	2	23	66	9
Peaches	-	1	30	68	1
Hay	6	9	35	48	2
Winter Wheat	-	2	32	56	10
Pasture	4	15	44	34	3
Cattle & Calves	-	1	25	69	5
Sheep & Lambs	-	1	25	71	3

- Represents zero.

## CROP and LIVESTOCK PROGRESS for week ending 04/22/18

Crop/Livestock Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Corn planted	4	-	10	8
Winter Wheat headed	7	-	20	8
Calved	85	78	87	88
Lambled	89	81	90	90

- Represents data not available or zero.

**Weather Summary-** For the week ending April 22, 2018

Temperatures in West Virginia started chilly this week and were well below normal for this time of year. The average temperature was nearly 10 degrees below normal for all areas. The State received a burst of warmth about midweek and some areas got into the 80's. However, on the very next day the entire area went back to the cooler trend. Towards the end of the week the entire State was under higher pressure and dry conditions, which raised temperatures to a warmer and more normal trend. The only exception was that the higher elevation stations stayed relatively cool and their minimum temperatures mostly stayed well below freezing. West Virginia was fairly wet the first half of the week, but then went completely dry due to a nice high pressure system during the 2nd half of the week. With the fair weather, most stations were below normal for the week, as far as weekly precipitation average goes. The only exceptions seemed to be Terra Alta and Keyser. Even with the dry weather most areas are still trending wetter and above normal for the season.

Temperatures: Williamson had the highest recorded temperature of 82 degrees. Terra Alta had the lowest recorded temperature of 22 degrees. The state average temperature was 44 degrees.

Precipitation: Terra Alta had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 1.01 inches. Bluestone Dam and Martinsburg had the lowest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.07 of an inch. The state average precipitation was 0.32 of an inch.

Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 04/22/18									
Temperature					Precipitation				
Station	High	Low	Average	Weekly Departure	Week's Total	Norm	Since April 1st 2018	Same Week Last Year	Season Normal
--NORTHWEST-----									
WHEELING	67	27	41		0.42		4.40	2.86	
PARKERSBURG	70	26	43	-12	0.31	0.76	3.90	4.52	2.60
CRESTON	70	24	42		0.09		3.56	3.27	
--NORTHCENTRAL-----									
MORGANTOWN	70	26	42		0.66		5.01	5.24	
CLARKSBURG	71	27	43	-11	0.34	0.84	5.11	4.56	2.88
BELINGTON	70	27	42		0.40		5.09	3.20	
WESTON	70	26	42		0.50		5.13	4.14	
--SOUTHWEST-----									
WILLIAMSON	82	32	50		0.20		3.25	5.73	
HUNTINGTON	77	33	49	-8	0.16	0.79	2.50	1.93	2.69
CHARLESTON	78	27	46	-11	0.09	0.74	3.75	3.07	2.51
RIPLEY	70	24	42		0.09		3.36	3.27	
--CENTRAL-----									
TERRA ALTA	64	22	37		1.01		5.62	6.16	
ELKINS	68	24	43	-8	0.52	0.89	4.24	4.74	3.02
MARLINTON	76	24	44		0.09		3.97	3.71	
--SOUTHERN-----									
BECKLEY	77	24	44	-9	0.15	0.79	3.50	3.50	2.63
PINEVILLE	81	29	50		0.40		4.07	5.62	
BLUEFIELD	77	25	45	-11	0.18	0.80	3.17	5.25	2.61
WHITE SUL SP	78	25	44		0.11		3.39	3.61	
BLUESTONE DAM	78	26	47		0.07		2.18	4.92	
--NORTHEASTERN-----									
MARTINSBURG	67	31	46	-8	0.07	0.76	3.13	3.40	2.66
KEYSER	70	25	43		0.90		3.64	2.63	
MOOREFIELD	66	27	44		0.22		3.36	1.83	
State Average Temperature	44								
State Average Precipitation	0.32								

Source:  
Weather comments and data - Dept. of Commerce, National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration National Weather Service, Charleston, WV.

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